

## **REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested. Claims 3-6, 8-10, 12-13, 17, 19, and 21-22 are pending in the present application.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that all claims have been allowed.

### ***Priority***

The Examiner indicated that Applicant's claim for foreign priority has been acknowledged, however, that Applicant has not filed a certified copy of the priority document.

The present application is the National Stage of an International Application. As such, Applicant's have corrected the cross reference paragraph in the specification, which was previously added by the prior attorney of record. Furthermore, in an office action dated March 28, 2007, the Examiner acknowledged that the priority document, namely DE 10245398, was received from the International Bureau. See item 12(a)(3) in the March 28, 2007 Office Action Summary.

Accordingly, since it appears that the USPTO has received the priority document, it is believed that all outstanding issues have been resolved. If there are any further issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

### **Specification/Claims**

Applicants have amended the specification as requested by the Examiner, and have also amended the reference in order to clarify the cross-reference of the present application. In addition, claim 10 has been amended in an effort

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Martin R. Geissler, Applicants' Attorney at 1.703.621.7140 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3828 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
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